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SOLDIERS' PAPER IGNORES BASEBALL UNTIL ALLIES WIPE HUN OFF THE MAP

Stars and Stripes, Published in France for U. S. Forces, Will Print No More Scores Until the War Has Ended

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger. BECAUSE it has been decided that professional baseball in the United States is not essential and the soldiers in the trenches have lost all interest in professional sports, the Stars and Stripes, the official organ of the A. E. F., published in Paris, has discontinued its sport page. No baseball scores of games here or in France will be published in the future, and all other branches of athletics will be ignored. The only chance the boys will have to find out what is happening is to wait for the home papers.

It seems to me that the editors "over there" are a trifle severe in banishing a popular department of the newspaper. Even if professional baseball is dead, there is no reason for the curtailment of other athletic activities. However, the Stars and Stripes has some good arguments. The action of the ball players in jumping to shipyards is deplored, and it is feared the men are not taking the big war seriously. Another argument for discontinuing the sports page, and it sounds logical—for France—is that it is impossible to print all of the baseball scores of the hundreds of games now being played behind the lines in that country.

Editorial From the Stars and Stripes. HERE is the editorial in full, taken from the issue of July 25, of the Stars and Stripes, which I received last night: "This is the last sporting page the Stars and Stripes will print until an Allied victory brings back peace.

"The reasons for the decision to discontinue an ancient institution are almost as numerically great as Allied shells crashing into German lines. "They are at least sufficiently thick to pulverize or blot out any objections that might be offered by those who have yet failed to see this light.

"This paper realizes the great aid sport has given in the past in developing physical stamina and enduring morale among thousands of those now making up the nation's army. "It recognizes the value of such training for the future. It was sport that first taught our men to play the game, to play it out, to play it hard. It was sport that brought out the value of team play, of long, hard training and the knack of thinking quickly at a vital point of the contest.

"But sport as a spectacle, sport as an entertainment for the soldiers, has passed on and out. Its glamour in a competitive way has faded. Its leading stars are either in the iron harness of war—or forgotten—until Germany is beaten. "With an entry list not quite as large as in former years the twelfth annual championship tournament of South Jersey began here today on the grand course at Ocean City. Yacht club, under whose auspices the tourney always has been held.

What the entry list lacks in quantity is more than overbalanced by the quality. As this has been the time for many tennis players in and around the Philadelphia district, it is only natural that the greater portion of the entry list would be comprised of Philadelphia district. Included among those who will strive for the men's singles championships are Paul Gibbons, president of the Philadelphia and Atlantic City Yacht Association; Percy Osborne, of Bellefield; A. L. Reed, H. N. Donovan and H. A. Bitty.

Dr. Philip E. Hawk, star player of the Crowsy Club, who was runner-up to Harvey Lake for the title in 1916 has been selected in his entry to Thomas M. Scott, chairman of the committee. Hawk is one of the best net players in the Pennsylvania district and is expected to make a strong bid for the title.

Another Philadelphia who will be watching in the men's singles is Wallace Rhodes, the former Central High School and University of Pennsylvania star. The Rev. E. T. Pancoast, of Indiana, arrived here some several days ago and has been practicing daily to round into condition.

Herman Bornheim, the junior champion of Pennsylvania, has decided at the last moment not to enter the tourney. Bornheim will compete in the junior national championships in New York in several weeks and he thought that playing on the grand courts at this resort would hinder his play on the other courts at Forest Hills.

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Young men engaged in useful war work still may play on semipro teams and not incur the displeasure of the public. Sports are necessary, and no matter how long the war lasts or how serious it becomes, the citizens of the United States will have some time for play. It would be a bad thing for the nation if we suddenly eliminated all of the pleasures and pastimes.

Sports will continue in this country and the public will be entertained. There must be some diversion, and college football and baseball, semipro and amateur ball, rowing, swimming, bowling, golf, tennis, soccer, horse racing, cricket, track and field athletics, billiards and pool, lacrosse, motorcycling, boxing and polo will go on. Professional baseball still will be popular until the season ends next month, but after that no one can tell what will happen. If the war continues next year it's safe to predict there will be no big league baseball.

THE magnates have been criticized severely for their attitude in finishing the season, although it was cut short a month. This is decidedly unfair. Owners of big league clubs have some \$10,000,000 invested in ball parks and franchises and are trying to keep down their losses. They are not un-patriotic, but doing the best they can under handicap.

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Steel League After St. Louis Players. Before departing for Shibe Park yesterday to play the final game with the Athletics, the St. Louis players were approached by the St. Louis Browns, who were offering them a contract to play for the Browns in the Steel League.

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MURPHY TOPPED BELMONT FIELD. Poughkeepsie Reinsman Easily Lead Field of Purse Winners at Grand Circuit.

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VETERANS PLAY IN TENNIS FINAL. Alexander and Wright Will Play Tilden and Richards for Title. MISS BURSTEDT WINS. Boston, Aug. 17.—Frederick B. Alexander and Beals C. Wright will represent the older school of tennis players in today's final round of the national doubles championship tennis tournament of the Longwood Cricket Club. The veterans qualified for the titular bracket yesterday by eliminating the western champions Walter T. Hayes and Ralph H. Burdick in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. Wright, however, always was favored to win the title, which he did by defeating Alexander in the final, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3. The victor will play Beals C. Wright in the final, which will be the first of the previous matches. The match will be supplemented by a mixed doubles match, in which Molla Burstedt and Alexander will meet. Wright, who has been playing since he was a child, has a record of 100 wins and 10 losses. He is a member of the Longwood Cricket Club and has been playing tennis since he was a child. He is a member of the Longwood Cricket Club and has been playing tennis since he was a child.